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Dear Secretaries McPeak and Lloyd:

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I am writing to respectfully request my comments be included as part of the Public Hearing taking place on 12-16-05 on the Goods Movement Action Plan.

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San Joaquin

Sanger

Selma

and

The County of Presno

The Economic Development Corporation serving Fresnc County respectfully request that State Route 99 (SR 99) be given the highest priority for funding and action in the Goods Movement Action Plan being developed under your direction.

In brief, the proposed Key Infrastructure Improvement Projects (12/05) does not adequately address the needs of the Valley and, therefore, jeopardizes the success of the State's overall goods movement strategy. We respectfully request that the list of priority projects be modified to better reflect the significance of State Route 99 (Route 99) as a key commerce corridor.

We strongly support the action taken by the Valley Partnership on December 9, 2005 when they unanimously voted to adopt the Business Plan and to recommend a State Investment of \$6 billion in Route 99 over the next ten years. We strongly encourage the integration of relevant portions of the Business Plan into the GM Action Plan prior to the GM Action Plan being submitted to the Governor.

In conclusion, the purpose of the GM Action Plan is to increase California's capacity and competitive edge through improved transportation is rategies. There are many excellent ideas expressed in the current draft. However it is fatally flawed to the extent that it does not put forward a comprehensive stralegy that enhances the transportation elements for all regions of the State.

Sincerely,

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